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For:

A Matting Agent for Radiation Curing Coatings

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2002, the period for response ending November 15, 2002, said period for response being extended by three (3) months to February 15, 2003 by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time and authorization therein to charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1770. Because the United States Patent and Trademark Office was closed on February 18 and 19, 2003, due to holiday and inclement weather, Applicants submit that the filing of this Amendment on February 19 2003, is within the extended statutory period for response.

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, Applicants request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, line 18, as indicated in the attached marked-up copy, which is attached hereto as Appendix 1. A clean copy of the amended paragraph is also attached as Appendix 2.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8, I hereby certify that I have a reasonable basis to expect that this correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service on or before the date indicated, as First Class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Tragemarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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